

document data stored in said bar code line, and wherein said authenticatable data string assembled by said image scanner and processor subsystem includes said second critical document data.

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~~141~~. (NEW) The system of claim 130, wherein said second critical document data comprises ASCII text from said self-authenticating document.

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~~142~~. (NEW) The system of claim 141, wherein said ASCII text is the account name and address printed on said self-authenticating document.

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~~143~~. (NEW) The system of claim 139, wherein said validating means further applies said authentic public key to said first digital signature to validate said critical document data when no PIN is received, and wherein said self-authenticating document is authenticated if said critical document data is validated.

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are currently pending in the subject application. Claims 2-28 are canceled and claims 29-143 are added herein. Although Applicants believe that the claims as originally filed on November 7, 2001 are patentable, the amendments herein are made in order to clarify the breadth and scope of the subject matter that Applicants believe to be their invention and which they desire to claim.

The specification has been amended to correct for typographical errors. Similarly the drawings have been amended by redline to correct for an inadvertent transposition of the "YES" and "NO" decisions. Support for this change may be found at pages 42 (lines 23-25) and 43 (lines 1-3).

Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone or other interview would expedite the processing of this application, he/she is invited to contact the undersigned at (215) 986-5169. Should the Examiner have any other questions he or she is also invited to contact the undersigned at the same number.

Respectfully submitted,

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